

Company (A-T), 3230 Second Street, Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35661, filed an application in Docket No. CP97-343-000 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, to construct and operate compression facilities to permit A-T to transport up to 8,310 Mcf of natural gas per day on a firm basis for Huntsville Utilities Gas System, City of Huntsville, Alabama (Huntsville), City of Decatur, Alabama (Decatur) and Marshall County Gas District (Marshall County), and for pregranted abandonment of those facilities upon expiration of the underlying contracts, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

A-T proposes to increase transportation volumes for Huntsville by 2,442 Mcf per day and for Decatur by 1,868 Mcf per day and initiate a firm transportation service for Marshall County for 4,000 Mcf per day. A-T proposes to provide the services on November 1, 1997, for a term of five years or such longer periods as may be requested by the shippers and determined to be appropriate and lawful under applicable federal and state laws.

A-T indicates that, to provide the proposed services, it would construct and operate additional compressors at its Sheffield and Decatur Compressor Stations. A-T estimates a related construction cost of \$1,806,748 for the two compressors and related facilities such as suction and discharge piping, blow down systems, fuel gas systems and buildings, which would be financed with funds on hand, funds generated internally, and borrowings under revolving credit agreements. A-T proposes to charge Part 284 rates.

A-T states that its proposed services and facilities were identified as the environmentally preferable alternative to the North Alabama Pipeline Project proposed by Southern Natural Gas Company in the Draft Environmental Statement recently issued in Docket No. CP-96-153-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before May 5, 1997, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in

determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for A-T to appear or be represented at the hearing.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. RP97-333-000 & RP97-126-000 (Not Consolidated)]

#### **Connecticut Natural Gas Company, Yankee Gas Services Company, and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company V. Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. and Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Complaint and Motion To Consolidate**

April 23, 1997.

Take notice that on April 16, 1997, Connecticut Natural Gas Company, Yankee Gas Services Company, and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (Connecticut Customers) tendered for filing a complaint against Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P. (Iroquois), and a motion to consolidate the complaint with Iroquois pending rate proceeding in Docket No. RP97-126-000.

Connecticut Customers argue that Iroquois improperly retained for itself the revenues from five transportation contracts which should have been shared with firm customers through Iroquois' revenue sharing mechanism, and the Connecticut Customers seek relief in the form of an order directing Iroquois to share the revenues.

Connecticut Customers also argue that Iroquois improperly excluded five transportation contracts which produced a total of \$2.8 million in revenues from the revenue sharing mechanism set forth in Section 4.2(g) of its FERC Gas Tariff; under the 90/10/Interruptible Transportation Service (ITS)/Short-Term Firm Transportation Service (STF) sharing mechanism, \$2.5 million of this amount should have been credited to Rate Schedule (RTS) customers. Connecticut Customers states that the contracts fall into two basic categories: (1) Backhaul contracts that were characterized as "firm" but that were used exclusively as "secondary point firm" forward haul contracts and should have been classified as ITS; and (2) STF contract that was "amended" in order to avoid the RP94-72 settlement definition of "SFT".

Connecticut Customers states that copies of the filing have been served upon the persons named on the restricted service list compiled in Docket No. RP97-126-000.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said complaint and motion should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 214 and 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 18 CFR 385.214, 385.211. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before May 16, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make Protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. Answers to this complaint shall be due on or before May 16, 1997.

**Lois D. Cashell,**

*Secretary.*

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